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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, the inventors of the claimed invention of the subject patent application, declare and say as follows:


We reduced the claimed invention to practice prior to the effective date (February 28, 2001) of *Spear et al.* (U.S. 6,486,439 B1). Exhibit A attached herewith is a first page of a disclosure document dated October 17, 2000 in connection with the claimed invention that establishes reduction to practice of the subject invention prior to the effective date of *Spear et al.*

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued therein.

Respectfully submitted,


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